

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract of record with the following abstract, marked-up to show changes made.

A method of screening ~~that enables development of~~for a medicine realizing a novel mechanism of action capable of regulating of generation of an elastic fibrous tissue; and various means that are requisite for the method. In particular, ~~there are provided~~the invention includes a polypeptide obtained by cleaving of DANCE and a polynucleotide coding for the polypeptide; a method of cleaving DANCE; an antibody against the polypeptide obtained by cleaving of DANCE; a method of measuring the amount of DANCE cleavage and a kit therefore; a DANCE variant and its polynucleotide ~~coding for the same~~; various DANCE complexes and a method of preparing ~~the same~~ such; a method of screening for a substance capable of regulating ~~the activity~~ of DANCE or a DANCE-specific protease, and a substance obtained by ~~the~~such screening method; an agent for regulating of generation of an elastic fibrous tissue; and a kit ~~comprising at least with~~ DANCE and a polynucleotide coding for the same; ~~etc.~~